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without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A sponge element of substantially universal application to spong mops and capable of use with back and front presser mops or mops without pressers and comprising a sponge element, the cross-sectional shape of which is substantially in the form of an isosceles trapezoid with the longer parallel side thereof constituting the front face of the element and the shorter parallel side constituting the rear face thereof, and with said front face intersecting the adjacent top and bottom faces at an angle of about 80°, a relatively rigid backing secured to the top face of the element, said element when in operative position with its lower face in engagement with the floor presenting a forwardly projecting toe portion enabling the element to reach into corner intersections of the floor with the wall, said sponge element being formed, among other ways, by being capable of being cut from a sponge blank of parallelogram cross-sectional form without wastage, in

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which the length of the blank is equal to the length of the sponge element, the height of the blank is equal to the height of said trapezoid, and one of the inclined sides of the parallelogram makes an angle with one of the parallel sides thereof of about 80°.

2. A sponge element as set forth in claim 1 in which said rigid backing is provided with means adapted to interconnect the sponge element to the mop handle with which it is to be associated.

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